

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please withdraw claims 1-7 and 15-49 and amend claims 9-14. All pending claims are reproduced below:

1. (Withdrawn) A holder that can hold CD cases and cases for other items and usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent such holders, the holder comprising:
a base having a holder engaging mechanism extending therefrom and said holder engaging mechanism adapted to engage an adjacent holder in order to form the continuous loop; and
said holder including first and second outer sidewalls and a partition sidewall located between the first and second outer sidewalls, with said first outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a first space adapted to receive a first case, and with said second outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a second space adapted to receive a second case; and
wherein said holder includes at least a first member which is adapted to frictionally retain a first case in said first space, and at least a second member which is adapted to frictionally retain a second case in said second space.
2. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 1 further including:
said first member is a first projection which extends from said base in said first space; and
said second member is a second projection which extends from said base in said second space.
3. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 1 further including:
said first member is a pair of projections which extend from said base in said first space; and
said second member is a pair of projections which extend from said base in said second space.

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4. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 1 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism; and
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with
a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder; and
and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first
holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.
5. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 1 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.
6. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 1 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism; and
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a
second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging
mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder
nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.
7. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 1 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order
to be received in said slot; and
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with
a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging
mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third
holder to form a continuous loop; and
and wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said

holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.

8. (Original) A rack that is adapted to retain and rotate a plurality of side-by-side CD cases and cases for other objects, the rack comprising:

a continuous loop formed from a plurality of interlocked holders;

said holders each including first and second outer sidewalls and a partition sidewall located between the first and second outer sidewalls, with said first outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a first space adapted to receive a first case, and with said second outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a second space adapted to receive a second case; and

wherein each said holder includes at least a first member which is adapted to frictionally retain a first case in said first space, and at least a second member which is adapted to frictionally retain a second case in said second space;

wherein a holder-engaging mechanism of a first holder nests in a holder-engaging mechanism of an adjacent holder, a motor that can rotate said loop;

a sprocket that is driven by said motor;

said sprocket including a plurality of teeth with spaces located between said teeth; and

wherein said holder engaging mechanism of said first holder nested in a holder engaging mechanism of an adjacent holder can be positioned in a space between said teeth as the holders engage the sprocket in order to spread the holders apart.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~holder~~ rack of claim 8 further including:

said first member is a first projection which extends from said base in said first space; and

said second member is a second projection which extends from said base in said second space.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~holder~~ rack of claim 8 further including:

said first member is a pair of projections which extend from said base in said first space;
and said second member is a pair of projections which extend from said base in said second space.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~holder~~ rack of claim 8 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism;

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~holder~~ rack of claim 8 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~holder~~ rack of claim 8 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~holder~~ rack of claim 8 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto;
a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot;
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop;
and wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.

15. (Withdrawn) A rack that is adapted to retain and rotate a plurality of side-by-side CD cases and cases for other objects, the rack comprising:

a continuous loop formed from a plurality of interlocked holders; and
said holders each including first and second outer sidewalls and a partition sidewall located between the first and second outer sidewalls, with said first outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a first space adapted to receive a first case, and with said second outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a second space adapted to receive a second case; and

and wherein each said holder includes at least a first member which is adapted to frictionally retain a first case in said first space, and at least a second member which is adapted to frictionally retain a second case in said second space, and wherein a holder-engaging mechanism of a first holder nests in a holder-engaging mechanism of an adjacent holder.

16. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 15 further including:

said first member is a first projection which extends from said base in said first space; and
and said second member is a second projection which extends from said base in said second space.

17. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 15 further including:
said first member is a pair of projections which extend from said base in said first space; and
and said second member is a pair of projections which extend from said base in said second space.
18. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 15 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism; and
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with
a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging
mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third
holder to form a continuous loop.
19. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 15 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.
20. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 15 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism; and
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a
second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging
mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder
nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.
21. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 15 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order

to be received in said slot; and

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

and wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.

22. (Withdrawn) A holder usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent such holders, the holder comprising:

a base having a holder-engaging mechanism to interlock adjacent holders; and

a first structure extending from the base, the first structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a first object to be retained by the holder; and

a second structure extending from the base, the second structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a second object to be retained by the holder; and

and wherein the first structure and the second structure are in the same plane.

23. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 22 further including:

a partition; and

said first structure includes a first projection which together with the partition and the base defines a first space; and

and said second structure includes a second projection together with the partition and the base defines a second space.

24. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 22 further including:

said first structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a first space;

and

and said second structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a second space.

25. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 22 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

26. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 22 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.

27. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 22 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.

28. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 22 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging

mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

and wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.

29. (Withdrawn) A holder usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent such holders, the holder comprising:

a base having a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto and a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped and adapted in order to be received in a slot of a second holder; and

a first structure extending from the base, the first structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a first object to be retained by the holder; and

and a second structure extending from the base, the second structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a second object to be retained by the holder.

30. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 29 wherein; and

said first structure together with the base defines a first space; and

and said second structure together with the base defines a second space.

31. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 29 further including:

said first structure includes a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a first space; and

and said second structure includes a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a second space.

32. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 29 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

33. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 29 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.

34. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 29 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.

35. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 29 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

and wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to

spread apart from said holder.

36. (Withdrawn) A holder usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent such holders, the holder comprising:

a base having an interior surface, the interior surface having a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto and a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped and adapted in order to be received in a slot of a second holder; and

a first structure disposed on the exterior surface of the base, the first structure to frictionally engage at least a portion of a first object to be retained by the holder; and

and a second structure disposed on the exterior surface of the base, the second structure to frictionally engage at least a portion of a second object to be retained by the holder.

37. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 36 wherein; and

said first structure together with the base defines a first space; and

and said second structure together with the base defines a second space.

38. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 36 further including:

said first structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a first space; and

and said second structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a second space.

39. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 36 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third

holder to form a continuous loop.

40. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 36 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.
41. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 36 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism; and
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a
second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging
mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder
nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.
42. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 36 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order
to be received in said slot; and
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with
a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging
mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third
holder to form a continuous loop; and
and wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said
holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said
holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to
spread apart from said holder.
43. (Withdrawn) A holder usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent
such holders, the holder comprising:

a base having an interior surface having a holder-engaging mechanism to interlock adjacent holders; and

a first structure extending from an exterior surface of the base, the first structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a first object to be retained by the holder; and

and a second structure extending from the exterior surface of the base, the second structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a second object to be retained by the holder.

44. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 43 further including:

a partition; and

said first structure includes a first projection which together with the base and the partition defines a first space; and

and said second structure includes a second projection which together with the base and the partition defines a second space.

45. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 43 further including:

said first structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a first space; and

and said second structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a second space.

46. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 43 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism; and

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

47. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 43 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.

48. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 43 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism; and
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.
49. (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 43 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:
a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto; and
a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and
and wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop; and
and wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.